

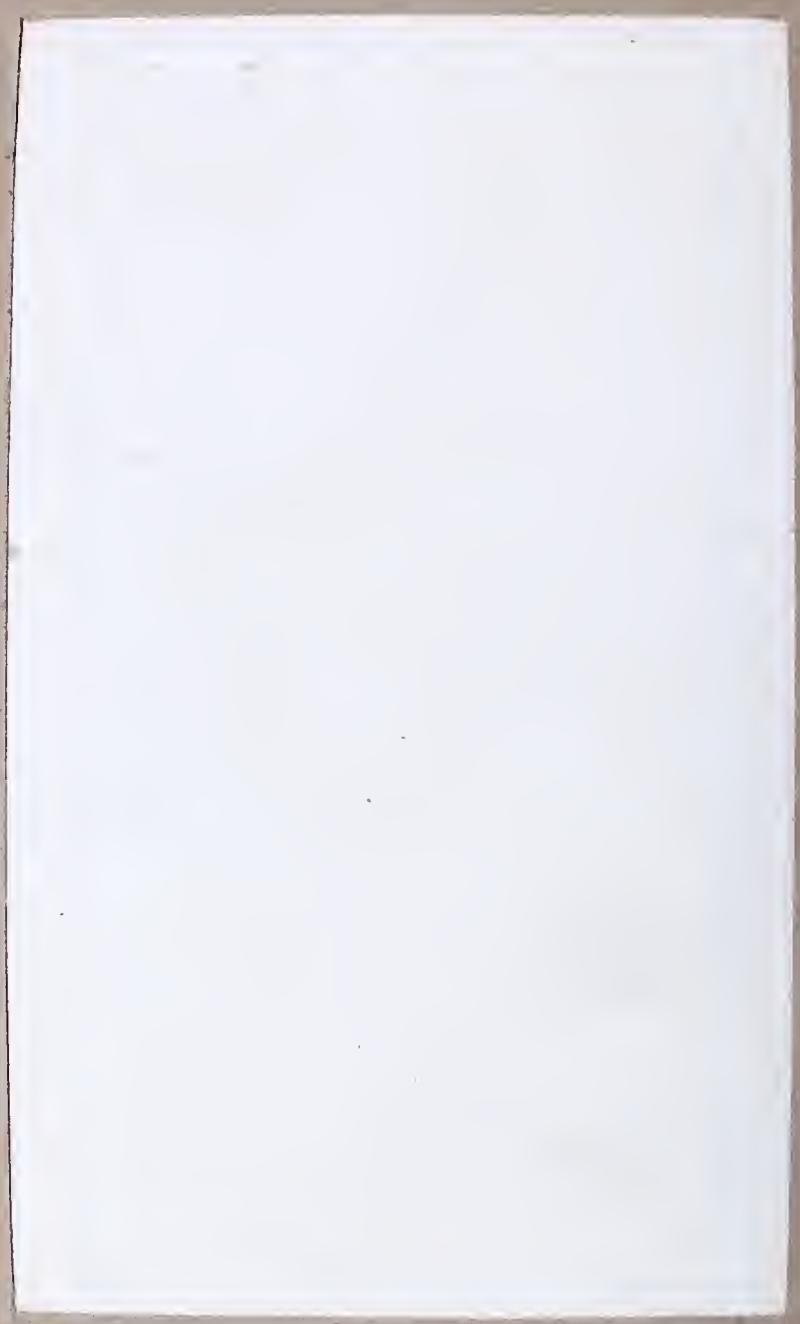
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\$28,000.
FROM
IDLE CITY LAND



Seventeenth Annual Report

Philadelphia
Vacant Lots Cultivation Association
Season of 1913



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VACANT LOT GARDENS

COST IN 1913

\$7,261.



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All applications for gardens, requests for information,
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PHILADELPHIA VACANT LOTS CULTIVATION ASSOCIATION

(ORGANIZED IN 1897)



IN PHILADELPHIA, AS IN OTHER CITIES, THERE IS ABUNDANT IDLE LAND. THERE ARE ALSO HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES WHO CAN BE GREATLY BENEFITED BY CULTIVATING THIS LAND. OUR ASSOCIATION SECURES TEMPORARY USE OF IDLE LAND AND ASSIGNS GARDENS THEREON TO SUCH PEOPLE.

THIS HAS NOT THE FAUPERIZING EFFECT OF CHARITY, BUT ENCOURAGES SELF-RESPECT, SELF-DEPENDENCE, BETTER LIVING, IMPROVED HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HAPPINESS.

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Dear Friend:-

The pamphlet we are sending to you under separate cover will tell you in a brief but pertinent way of the very practical results on the VACANT LOT GARDENS during the past season.

Each dollar contributed to our work in 1913 produced greater return in actual material benefits and wider influence than ever before. With the experience of last year added to that of previous seasons, we are prepared to make each dollar do even more work in 1914.

We were compelled to carry over from last year a list of several hundred worthy applicants, to whom we were unable to assign gardens for lack of sufficient funds. New applications have been coming in since last June, and nearly every mail adds to the number of anxious families seeking the precious opportunity to work a Vacant Lot Garden. Help us all you can to spread this practical work, by sending a contribution to our treasurer, now, as the bulk of our funds is needed to start the work in the early season.

Sincerely yours,

PHILA. VACANT LOTS CULTIVATION ASSOCIATION.

Send all contributions to
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the President, Directors, Contributors and Friends of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association:

In presenting to you my annual report, I assure you that during 1913, the seventeenth year of Vacant Lot Gardening in Philadelphia, the facts stated in the resolution unanimously passed at the last annual meeting of your Association have been more thoroughly demonstrated than ever before. That statement made regarding our work was: "That compared to the amount of money it has expended, it is improving the health and the material welfare of its beneficiaries in a more practical and far-reaching way, without pauperizing them, than any other organized philanthropic work." I will be glad to have this statement held in mind, for the purpose of questioning its truth, as I proceed with my report. For if it is true, our work is worthy of greater aid and wider support, in order that more rapid progress with its greater corresponding benefits can be secured.

In each of the various ways in which the community has been benefited by Vacant Lot Gardening, the beneficent influence has been greatly increased during the last season. The first purpose for which our work was organized was the opening of an opportunity, during an industrial depression, for those in need to acquire material supplies by their own efforts in cultivating tracts of city land which were otherwise lying in waste. The material improvement in the lives of those to whom we assigned gardens has continued to be our main purpose during the 17 years of our work in Philadelphia. The results of this character in 1913 proved by far to be the greatest I have been able to record. The total aggregate value of the crops raised on the gardens this season was about \$28,000, or about \$3,000 more than in 1912. This was largely due to the increase in the number of families producing this aggregate. The increase in the number of gardens assigned was from 442 in 1912, to 548 in 1913. In the former season the weather conditions were about as nearly perfect as during any season in recent years, while the latter season was far less favorable in this way; therefore, the average value per garden was a few dollars less than in 1912. The average would probably have been still more reduced by this unfavorable weather if the cultivation on most of the gardens had not been kept up to such a high standard. By this means, some of the more successful families made a better showing in 1913 than in the year before. The crop report of our best gardener showed an increase in the value of the products, from his garden of about 1-6th of an acre, from \$154 to \$160.

In judging the value of Vacant Lot Garden work we should never overlook the fact that the results depend upon the work of the gardening families themselves. The opportunity, super-

vision and instruction which we offer to these people cannot be of particular benefit to them unless they utilize these by putting their minds and body to work. Just to the extent to which they



Many thrifty wives and industrious husbands, working together on VACANT LOT GARDENS, have learned to produce much health, recreation and good food from idle city lots.

do this, they receive their reward, and to the extent that they neglect it, they fail to enjoy the benefits which await them. For this reason, our work is free from the pauperizing effect of most

philanthropic efforts. Instead of pauperizing, our work inspires self-respect, encourages self-dependence, and leads to greater industry. This is one of the most important considerations in connection with our work. In this connection, I will say that throughout the season, only three families forfeited their gardens on account of not giving the necessary attention to cultivation. This is the smallest percentage of forfeitures during my experience with the work.

While we have, of course, no definite method of ascertaining the number of independent gardens started in various sections of the city during the past season, under the influence of our work in such localities, yet, judging from what we have been able to see and learn, there is evidence of a great increase in the number, and a corresponding increase in the material benefits received by the workers thereof. Laying aside for the moment any consideration of the independent gardens for which our work has been responsible, but which have not been under our jurisdiction, we see that \$28,000 worth of benefit in the shape of products was the result of an expenditure on the part of our Association of only about \$8,000.* This large result at little cost, which I have not found to be duplicated by any other philanthropic organization, should encourage our friends to greater efforts for the furtherance of our work.

While the larger number of those applying for our gardens seek the opportunity we offer in order to add to their insufficient living supplies, yet there are some who come to us with the hope of the improvement in health which the garden work brings, and which improvement they cannot afford to seek in other ways. Such applicants, as far as we have been able to assign gardens to them, have not been disappointed. And with the increased number of gardens, benefits of this kind have likewise increased. To realize the full extent of our influence on the health of the community, we must remember the thousands who have been encouraged by us to start gardens, many for the first time.

Our work has always aroused in many of our gardeners the desire for rural life, and work on the land as their regular occupation. This influence has evidently increased considerably more than in proportion to the increase in the number of gardens. On every hand, we hear expressed the desire for a chance to work a little place in the country. Especially do we hear this from those who have had a few seasons' experience on our gardens, and therefore know something of that which can be accomplished on a small piece of land. These gardeners, having learned to produce, by proper handling, a great deal on a very little land, are

*While the expenditure of the Association during the year was about \$8,000, yet, as shown by the Treasurer's statement on another page of this report, about \$800 was raised by regular graduated charges to gardeners for plowing, seeds, etc., sale of extra plants, seeds and fertilizer, and the disposal of old equipment, etc. Therefore, the expense to contributors was only about \$7,200 instead of \$8,000.

often much better fitted to make a success when they are fortunate enough to secure the coveted opportunity in the country under reasonable conditions, than those who have been used to cultivating larger areas in a much less intensive way. But the financial condition of the majority of the families to whom we assign gardens does not permit them to make a start, under existing conditions, in rural districts near enough to the consumers of their products to make success probable. The very large areas of suburban land surrounding our city, which are totally unused or nearly so, and which, under different conditions, would make a natural outlet for what we might call the graduates of our city garden work, are held at such a high figure, on account of the prospect of the progress of improvements in these various sections, that such lands are entirely beyond the reach of our people. However, if arrangements were made whereby much of this land, which will not be used until further development is made after a lapse of several years at least, could be had upon reasonable terms, it would not only be a wonderful opportunity for the betterment of the lives of these people and the development by them of a more hardy and prosperous citizenship, but would also be of great benefit to the consuming public in the city, by improving the supply of the best grade of food products, at the same time eliminating much of the wasteful expense of marketing, transportation, etc., with which we are burdened at present.

Never before have the children of the gardening families entered into the work with greater interest and enthusiasm. In the majority of cases, the parents are taking a great pleasure in giving the children every opportunity to enjoy the educational benefits of a far-reaching and most practical kind in connection with this work.

There is another side to our work, which is entitled to the favorable attention of all public-spirited persons. We hear much in these times of clean-up movements and city beautifying campaigns. While our work was not organized, nor has it been conducted, with that as its aim, yet the results it has accomplished along this line place us in a position to claim the greatest praise. The great economy on the one hand, and the permanency and thoroughness of our clean-up work on the other, have made it, while not the only essential one, yet by far the most practical of any that have been inaugurated.

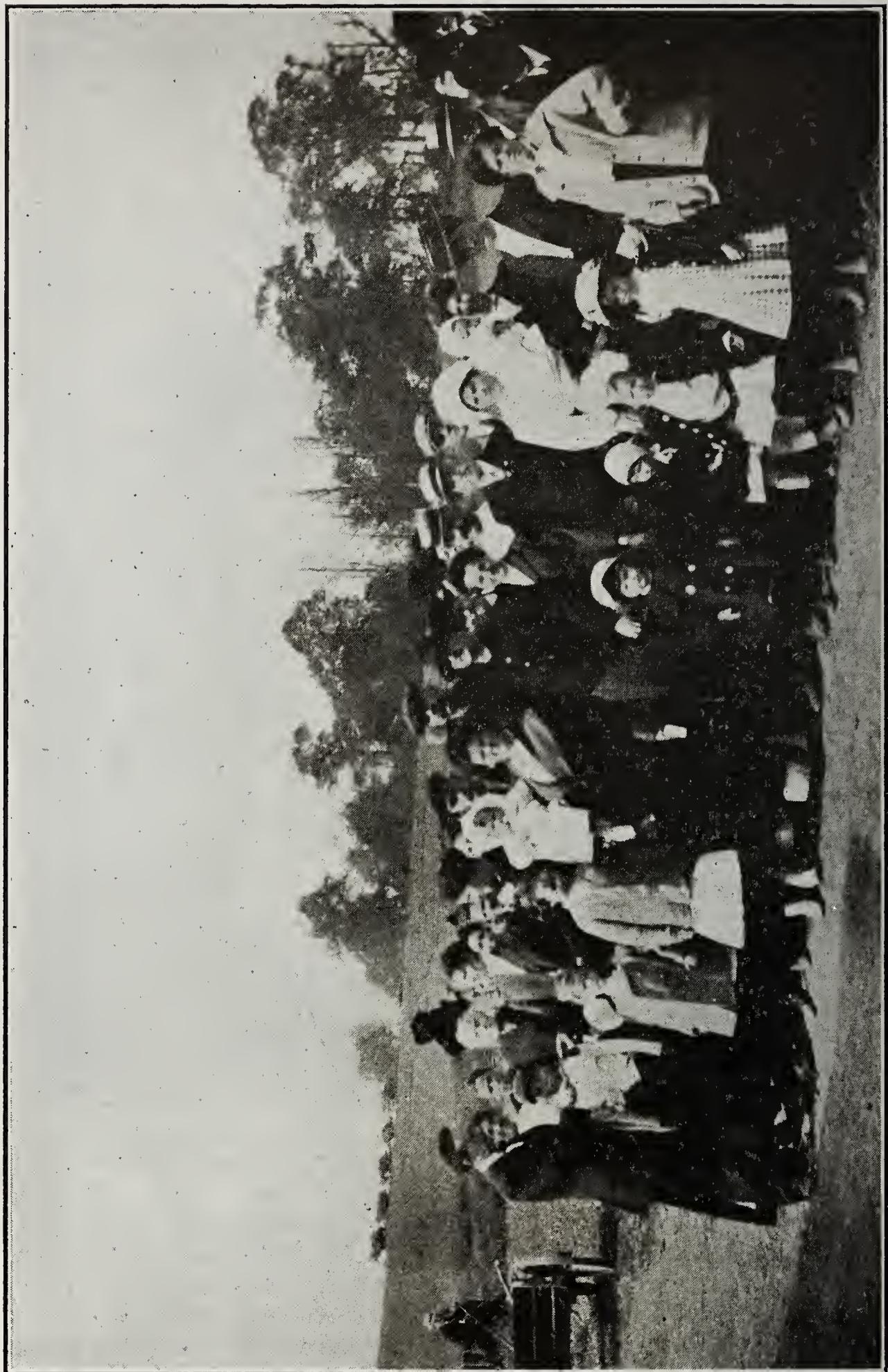
A striking contrast was afforded us during this past season. Within a short distance of each other, there were two idle tracts of land, each adjoining a correspondingly closely built up section. One tract was loaned to us by the owner, the other tract was not. Both tracts were in the early stages of being used as a depository for miscellaneous rubbish by the surrounding population. The tract which we did not have was temporarily placed in charge of some enthusiastic citizens, who were imbued with

the sincere desire to maintain a more healthy condition on the tract of land, and at the same time improve its looks. A small fund was raised and expended in clearing the land. This was early in the season. I saw the land after the work was completed, and while delighted with the results, nevertheless, I realized from my experience, that the funds, energy and time had been largely wasted. Later in the year, before our garden season had drawn to a close, I again viewed this tract of land, and with much re-



The foreign families often become excellent gardeners and are exceedingly industrious. **VACANT LOT GARDENS** have aided many future citizens to make a successful start in this country.

gret, but without any surprise, found that my early suspicions were well grounded, and the latter state of this land was worse than the first. The tract of land which we had in charge was cleared by our own teams and workmen at very little expense, was plowed and assigned as usual in gardens. It was but a few weeks before the young growing plants and cleanly weeded and well-cultivated rows made the spot beautiful. Throughout the entire season this condition continued, and at the close of the



The days the gardens are assigned are among the happiest days in the year for hundreds of families

season the gardens were cleared of most of their dried plants, stakes, etc. The land has been established as a garden site, and will remain idle but a short time during the cold weather, during which it will have fertilizer spread upon it, and then again in the spring this tract of land will start its work of cleanliness and beauty. Aside from the very small expense of our preparation, supervision, etc., this successful clean-up and beautifying work was maintained without cost to us by the workers, who were very glad to give the surrounding neighborhood all the benefit which resulted from the more healthful and attractive condition of the land, as it was simply a natural result of their season's work, which was bringing to them a very practical return. I need draw no conclusion from this comparison. Those who desire to see the greatest practical results from the dollars they contribute to work of social service or civic improvement can draw the lesson from this without any further suggestion from me.

In addition to the large number of Americans, we assigned gardens to families of various other nationalities and races, including Italian, Irish, Russian, English, German, Swedish, Hungarian, Swiss, Armenian, Canadian, colored and West Indian. Of the total of 548 families, 220 received gardens for the first time. For 158, this was the second season, the third for 69, the fourth for 42, the fifth for 27, the sixth for 17, the seventh for 4, and 11 have been cultivating gardens with us for 8 or more seasons. Among this latter number are the older men and women, some of them having passed the 80-year mark by several years. In view of our system of graded charges to the gardeners for plowing, fertilizer and seeds, which we furnish, these old gardeners who continue with us are the cause of no additional expense to us, aside from our general supervision. On the other hand, they are of great aid to us by way of giving instruction and advice to the younger element coming to us from year to year, and have an excellent influence by way of example upon the less experienced in our absence. These old people, who have reached an age at which they cannot look forward to much improvement in their condition, nevertheless can largely prevent themselves from becoming a burden to others by working for their own support as long as we will permit them to have their gardens. While we desire to continue them on the gardens as long as possible for their own benefit, we are doubly glad to do so on account of the aid to us which I have mentioned.

During 1913 we operated 20 *Vacant Lot Garden Farms*, as follows:

Farms		Gardens
George's Hill,	54th St. and Susquehanna Ave.,	99
Munyon,	54th St. and Columbia Ave.,	5
Megear,	54th and Berks Sts.,	14
Lansdowne,	58th St. and Lansdowne Ave.,	75

Farms		Gardens
Jos. Fels,	61st St. and Kingsessing Ave.,	43
McIlvaine,	57th St. and Woodland Ave.,	13
Old Haddington,	Merion Ave. and Vine St.,	28
New Haddington,	Merion Ave. and 66th St.,	45
Beaston,	61st St. and Elmwood Ave.,	25
Davis,	65th St. and Elmwood Ave.,	28
Hoffman,	62d and Catharine Sts.,	21
Haines,	Crittenden St. and Chelten Ave.,	41
Fox,	15th St. and Fisher's Lane,	19
Fisher's,	18th St. and Wyoming Ave.,	12
Chew,	Chew and Johnson Sts.,	19
Pancoast,	Musgrove and Johnson Sts.,	10
Houston Estate,	Mermaid and Germantown Aves.,	18
Carpenter Estate,	W. Mt. Pleasant Ave. and Emlen St.,	25
Price,	56th and Chestnut Sts.,	3
Garrett,	Broad and Luzerne Sts.,	2

On account of the comparatively large expense connected with operating small tracts, we usually do not work areas as small as the last two mentioned. But in this case, the first of these two small places is a part of the land at our headquarters which we do not need; the owner of the other agreed to make a special contribution in consideration of our using the land.

It is greatly to be regretted that on account of the limited amount of land loaned to us, and the limited funds at our disposal, we were compelled to turn away hundreds of applicants. Many of these had come to us with great hope, having learned what an important factor the gardens have become in the lives of those who have had them. However, it is at least gratifying to know that there is such a vast number who realize the benefits our work has for them and are willing to work hard and long under our direction to secure the wealth, health and happiness which the idle lands of our city hold to reward their earnest efforts.

According to the plan we have been following for some time, the unsuccessful applicants hold their regular order on our list for the following season, and will, therefore, receive in turn the opportunity to use such gardens as are vacated, or as are started on new land. I sincerely hope that we will have both the land and the money necessary to accommodate a large portion of the worthy applicants on our waiting list. I feel confident that if we all do our best, we can double the work this coming season. For just as there is far more suitable land lying idle in our city than the amount we have used, so also are there many more people able to help us financially in extending this work, than the number who have done so. I am constantly endeavoring to place the work in its true light before the public, in order that the owners of idle land and those who have the means to contribute will realize more fully the broad, practical results which



VACANT LOT GARDENS give bounteous reward to honest toil.

their aid can produce directly for our beneficiaries, and through them and their influence, upon the conditions of the community at large. I wish earnestly to express my sincere appreciation of those directors, contributors and friends whose interested efforts and continued aid have enabled me to develop the work to its present usefulness, and I wish also to express especial appreciation of the Philadelphia newspapers, who have so frequently given prominent space in their issues to the news of our work.

If all our friends will use their good influence in our behalf whenever the opportunity presents itself, we can undoubtedly place our work in the position in our social make-up, which it deserves. If each interested friend would secure at least one other person's aid during the coming year, we could readily double our work, as with each increase in the number of gardens assigned the percentage of expense is decreased. By continuous contact with the practical results of this work, I cannot be otherwise than intensely enthusiastic, and I therefore pledge to you my best efforts in bringing the work to an even higher standard and greater usefulness, and earnestly solicit the very best aid that you can give.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. DIX,
Superintendent.

THE FOLLOWING OWNERS LOANED THE LAND ON WHICH OUR WORK WAS CONDUCTED

Mrs. Leah Abeles	Haverford College (Through Asa S. Wing)
H. D. Beaston	H. C. Leupold
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Daniel Dever	Alter Megear
Estate of Fred. J. Dreer	Mencke Estate (Through Barber, Hartman & Co.)
Fidelity Trust Co., Trustee	J. M. Munyon
J. M. Fox	J. Gibson and Hugh McIlvaine
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Garrett	Chas. E. Pancoast
Joseph L. Greenewald	Eli Kirk Price, Jr.
Reuben and Francis C. Haines	William Wood
Benjamin R. Hoffman	
Estate of Henry H. Houston	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1913

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last report	\$ 2.54
Contributions for general purposes	6,261.14
From gardeners for plowing, seeds, etc.	721.08
From sales of plants, seeds and fertilizer	16.50
From sale of tools	26.70
From sale of old horse	58.50
Interest on deposits	18.71
Loan	1,000.00

\$8,105.17

PAYMENTS.

Salaries of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent	\$2,400.00
Labor	212.27
Hiring of extra teams	618.15
Manure and fertilizer	166.59
Seeds	711.13
Tools and implements	9.04
Rent of office	121.00
Team maintenance	2,155.42
Printing, stationery and postage	437.57
Typewriting, carfare, telephone service and various incidental expenses	1,265.89
Balance	8.11

\$8,105.17

Note.—The Association owes in temporary loans the sum of \$1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN M. STEERE,
Treasurer.

CONTRIBUTORS DURING 1913

Allen, Edmund	\$100.00	Caner, Mrs. Harrison K...	10.00
Allen, Mrs. F. Olcott	5.00	Capon, Robert B.	1.00
Allen, Dr. Francis Olcott, Jr.	5.00	Carter, John E.	20.00
Allen, Mrs. Laurent	10.00	Carter, Sarah S.	2.00
Allen, S. L. & Co.	20.00	Chandler Bros. & Co.	5.00
Allen, Wm. N.	10.00	Chandler, Percy M.	20.00
Anthony, C. C.	50.00	"L. T. C."	5.00
Anthony, Eliza G.	10.00	Chauncey, Chas.	5.00
Austin, Richard L.	10.00	Chesterman, Dana L.	15.00
Baily, Albert L.	10.00	Cheston, Mrs. Radcliffe ...	5.00
Baily, Joshua L.	30.00	Chestnut, Mrs. S. Linda ..	5.00
Baird, John E.	25.00	Chew, Mrs. Samuel	2.00
Ballard, Frederic Lyman...	5.00	Chichester, Mrs. Geo. M...	10.00
Beatty, Miss Susan A.	5.00	Childs, Isaac R.	10.00
Beck, Mrs. Elizabeth S.	10.00	Clark, Mrs. Chas. Davis ..	5.00
Beck, Mrs. H. J.	5.00	Clark, Mrs. C. Howard, Jr.	10.00
Bein, August	20.00	Clark, C. Howard, Jr.	10.00
Belber Trunk & Bag Co., Inc.	3.00	Clark, C. M.	10.00
Belfield, T. Broom	5.00	Clark, Mrs. Edw. Walter..	25.00
Benson, Mrs. Louis F.	5.00	Clark, Herbert L.	10.00
Biddle, John W.	5.00	Clark, Percy H.	25.00
Biddle, Livingston L.	10.00	Clyde, Miss Margaret	10.00
Blabon, Edwin L.	10.00	Cochran, Mrs. Travis	10.00
Blair, Mrs. Andrew A.	5.00	Coleman, Miss Fanny B. ..	5.00
Blakiston, Martha J.	10.00	Coles, Mrs. Edward	10.00
Bodine, Sons & Co.	15.00	Collingwood, Miss J.	2.00
Bok, Mrs. Edward W....	10.00	Collins, Henry H.	50.00
Booz, Arthur W.	2.00	Colton, J. Milton	25.00
Borden, E. P.	5.00	Colton, S. W., Jr.	25.00
Brazier, Mrs. J. H.	5.00	Comfort, James C.	5.00
Brengle, Henry C.	5.00	Comly & Flanigen	5.00
Brock, Mrs. Horace	5.00	Cooper, Walter I.	25.00
Brock, Mrs. Robt. C. H....	50.00	Cope, Mrs. Alexis T.	20.00
Brooke, Mrs. Hunter	5.00	Cope, The Misses C. E. and A.	50.00
Brown Bros. & Co.	10.00	Cope, Mrs. Edward	20.00
Brown, Henry I.	5.00	Cope, Miss Margaret	50.00
Brown, Elizabeth H.	5.00	Cope, Estate of Ruth Anna	50.00
Brown, James Crosby	5.00	Cope, Mrs. Walter	20.00
Brown, John W.	20.00	Cox, Mrs. Jas. S.	5.00
Brown, John A., Jr.	20.00	Cox, John L.	5.00
Brown, Miss Martha M....	5.00	Cresswell, Mrs. Chas. T...	5.00
Brown, T. Wistar	10.00	Cresswell, Miss Elizabeth P.	5.00
Brubaker, Mrs. A. P.	5.00	Currie, Mrs. C. Geo.	5.00
Bullitt, Mrs. Wm. C.	5.00	Curtin, Mrs. Wm. W....	1.00
Burnham, Mrs. Geo., Jr....	5.00	Cushman, Chas. W.	10.00
Burnham, Geo., Jr.	25.00	Dallett, Mrs. Michael	25.00
Burnham, Miss Mary A. ...	25.00	David, In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth W.	20.00
Cash	100.00	Davids, Richard W.	5.00
Cash	1.00	Davis, Mrs. Henry C. ...	5.00
Cash	2.00	Davis, Henry J.	5.00
Cash	10.00	Davis, Henry L.	10.00
Cash10	Dawson, J. C.	10.00
Cash	10.00	DeArmond, Mrs. Geo. J....	1.00
Cash	10.00	DeHaven, Mrs. Holstein..	5.00
Cash	5.00	Deaver, Dr. John B.	10.00
Cadbury, E. S. and E.	3.00	Dewey, Miss S. C.	3.00
Cadbury, Joel, Trustee....	10.00		

Dick, Mrs. Wm. A.	5.00	Hansell, Fred. M.	5.00
Dickson, Mrs. Samuel	5.00	Harding, Mrs. C. H.	10.00
Dilks, Mrs. Walter H.	3.00	Harris, Mrs. Wm. T.	5.00
Dingee, Mrs. J. H.	10.00	Harris, Mrs. J. Campbell	10.00
Disston, Mrs. Samuel	5.00	Harris, Mrs. Jos. G.	10.00
Dix, Mrs. John W.	2.00	Harrison, C. C.	10.00
Dobbins, Miss Mary A.	25.00	Harrison, Mrs. John	10.00
Donaldson, Mrs. Wm. T.	1.00	Harrison, Geo. L., Jr.	5.00
Douglass, Mrs. B. J.	5.00	Hart, Mrs. H. C.	10.00
Dreer, Wm. P.	25.00	Hart, Miss Mary M.	15.00
Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Childs	25.00	Harte, Mrs. Richard H.	10.00
Dutilh, Miss Emily	10.00	Hartley, R. M.	5.00
Eiseman, A. L.	2.00	Hartshorne, Edward Y.	5.00
Eisenlohr, Otto	20.00	Haughton, Richard	1.00
Elkinton, Wm. T.	5.00	Hazlehurst, James W.	5.00
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Ellison, H. Howard	10.00	Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman	15.00
Ellison, W. R.	10.00	Henry, Mrs. T. Charlton	5.00
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Esherick, Mrs. E. A.	5.00	Hering, W. E.	5.00
Estlack, Chas. E.	5.00	Hessenbruch, Mrs. H.	25.00
Evans, Miss Anna Cope	3.00	Hinchman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S.	10.00
H. B. E.	10.00	Hoag, C. G.	2.00
Evans, Mrs. Jonathan	5.00	Hochstrasser, Miss Emily	
Evans, Rev. K. E.	1.00	A.	2.00
Evans, Mrs. Rowland	5.00	Hogg, Mrs. C. L.	5.00
Fairlamb, Mrs. M. Jennie.	10.00	Hollar, Mrs. Wm. H.	10.00
Fassitt, Dr. Theo.	3.00	Horstmann, Walter	25.00
Fassitt, Miss Marcellina	5.00	Houston, Miss S. G.	5.00
M. H. F.	10.00	Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed- ward I. H.	10.00
Fels, Samuel S.	1,000.00	Hutton, Geo. S.	10.00
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Fox, Miss Hannah	5.00	I. X. L. Pump & Mfg. Co.	2.00
"From a Friend"	50.00	Ingersoll, Henry McKean	5.00
"A Friend"	25.00	Ingham, Wm. A.	10.00
Fuguet, Stephen	20.00	"Interested"	9.04
"A Friend"	100.00	Jackson, A. A.	5.00
Garrett, Mrs. Eleanor Evans	2.00	Jackson, Mrs. A. A.	5.00
Garrett, Mrs. Elizabeth W.	50.00	Jackson, Miss Mary	10.00
Garrett, Miss Hetty B.	5.00	Jackson, Mrs. F. A.	10.00
Garrett, John B.	10.00	Jacobs, Mrs. Edward B.	10.00
Garrett, Miss Martha H.	5.00	Jenks, John Story	20.00
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Garrison, Frank W.	5.00	Jenks, Mrs. Wm. H.	10.00
Geiger, Mrs. Mary S.	5.00	Jenkins, Chas. F.	10.00
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